(c) and (d) The National Policy on Education 1986 envisages that by 1995 all children will be provided free and compulsory education upto 14 years of age. The NPE gives high priority to promotion of women's education.

In most of the States, education is free upto class 12 for girls. Further, many States are also providing incentives such as uniform, free supply of textbooks etc.

[*Translation*]

Allotment of Houses by DDA to Ex-MPs

4351. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is pending with the Government regarding allotment of houses to the Ex-MPs by the Delhi Development Authority;

(b) whether the Government propose to allot residential accommodation to all the Ex-MPs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and when such Ex-MPs are likely to be allotted accommodation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under examination.

Indian Students Getting Higher Education Abroad

4352. SHRI VISWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian students receiving higher education abroad at present; and

(b) the number of students getting scholarship from the respective Governments abroad and number of students getting scholarship from the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) As per the latest available statistical data collected by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, 3489 Indian students went abroad during 1986-87. No statistics regarding the total number of students, who are receiving higher education abroad at any point of time are available. 499 Indian students nominated by the Department of Education or the University Grants Commission are currently pursuing their studies abroad, out of which 418 students are getting scholarships from the respective donor countries under bilateral or multilateral programmes administered by the Department of Education or the University Grants Commission, and 81 students are getting scholarships from Government of India (Department of Education). Additional Information is being collected from the Ministry of Welfare and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the same will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*English*]

Aids Through Blood Transfusion

4353. SHRI P. M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Two kids contact AIDS through blood transfusion" appearing in Indian Express dated July 28, 1991;

(b) whether the two boys were found free of AIDS viruses before their admission in the Medical College Hospital Rohtak;

(c) the sources from which the blood was acquired before transfusion; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that the blood is examined

thoroughly before transfusion in order to save lives and to check the spreading of the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Government seen the news items captioned "Two kids contact AIDS through blood transfusion" appeared in the Indian Express dated 28-7-1991.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Govt., with a view to promoting blood safety, has established blood testing facilities on a zonal basis in 35 cities. The blood banks are required to send the samples of blood collected to the zonal blood testing for HIV Testing. Blood testing facilities are being expanded to cover 52 additional cities. With this expansion it will be possible to link all the blood banks with zonal blood testing centres for purposes of HIV testing.

[*Translation*]

Counter Magnet Cities under N.C.R.

4354. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:

SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities declared as counter magnet city under National Capital Region alongwith dates of announcement;

(b) the extent of amount sanctioned as per the announcement alongwith the date of sanction; and

(c) the amount spent and the details of the works on which this amount was spent so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The Regional Plan 2001-NCR notified in the Gazette of India on 23-1-1989 envisages the following counter magnet areas:

(i) Hissar in Haryana

(ii) Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh

(iii) Patiala in Punjab

(iv) Kota in Rajasthan

(v) Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh

(b) No amount has so far been sanctioned for any such areas.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Supply of Chloroquine Tablets by IDPL

4355. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given on April 11, 1990 to Starred Question No. 424 and state:

(a) whether IDPL supplied chloroquine phosphate tablets to NMEP under two contracts, one entered in early 1989 for the supply of 33 million tablets and the other in February 1990 for 20 million tablets;

(b) whether any payment was made to M/s Neel Madhvan Consultants Private Limited for the supply of 33 million tablets of Chloroquine phosphate to NMEP by IDPL;

(c) if so, whether the commissions paid have been reimbursed by IDPL;

(d) if so, whether any enquiry has been ordered against these commissions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (e) Requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.